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**AIR FORCE FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT
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1. Mission. The Air Force Frequency Management Agency (AFFMA) is a field operating agency (FOA) reporting to the Headquarters United States Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS) for Communications and Information (HQ USAF/SC). AFFMA serves as the Air Force executive agent for Air Force use of the radio frequency spectrum. AFFMA provides the warfighter with global electromagnetic spectrum access anytime and anywhere.

2. Command. The AFFMA Commander:

2.1. Reports directly to HQ USAF/SC.

2.2. Commands the personnel of AFFMA. Direct communication is authorized between the AFFMA Commander, staff, official Federal Government, and private sector agencies when related to tasks for which AFFMA is responsible.

3. Responsibilities. AFFMA:

3.1. Develops and implements radio frequency spectrum management guidelines and instructions to support the Air Force mission.

3.2. Monitors spectrum developments in the Department of Defense (DoD), national, and international arenas. Evaluates impact on Air Force operations; research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) programs; and spectrum-dependent systems acquisition efforts.

3.3. Ensures Air Force radio frequency spectrum-use instructions and procedures are compatible with national and international telecommunications rules and regulations, as well as multinational and bilateral agreements.

3.4. Provides radio frequency spectrum-engineering guidance to the Air Force acquisition, RDT&E, logistics, and operational communities concerning spectrum-dependent systems.

- 3.5. Provides radio frequency spectrum management procedural guidance to major commands (MAJCOM) and field activities.
- 3.6. Develops, integrates, and manages the Air Force radio frequency spectrum management operational and system architecture in coordination with DoD and HQ USAF.
- 3.7. Represents, advocates, and defends Air Force interests in spectrum management matters on DoD, national, and international committees, groups, and organizations to include, but not limited to:
 - 3.7.1. The Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).
 - 3.7.2. The United States Military Communications-Electronics Board (USMCEB) Frequency Panel.
 - 3.7.3. The Combined Communications-Electronics Board Frequency Panel.
 - 3.7.4. The United States delegation to world radio communication conferences held by the International Telecommunications Union, and preparatory meetings held by the NTIA, Federal Communications Commission, and Department of State.
- 3.8. Provides frequency allocation and frequency assignment support for spectrum-dependant systems to MAJCOMs and field activities.
- 3.9. Serves as the Air Force focal point for input of data into the DoD frequency resource record system, the NTIA government master file, and the international frequency list of the Radio Communication Bureau.
- 3.10. Serves as the office of primary responsibility for the Air Force Electromagnetic Environmental Effects Program.
- 3.11. Coordinates spectrum management actions to resolve Air Force spectrum interference problems.
- 3.12. Provides functional guidance to Air Force-sponsored DoD area frequency coordinators (AFC). Serves as the AFC for the Eastern United States for certain frequency bands.
- 3.13. Provides spectrum management support for DoD agencies and Unified Commands as specified by the USMCEB Frequency Panel.
- 3.14. Provides career field management for the Air Force's electromagnetic spectrum management career field.
- 3.15. Chairs the Interservice Advisory Committee for curriculum input and support to the Interservice Radio Frequency Management School.
- 3.16. Budgets and pays annual Air Force spectrum usage fee to the Department of Commerce, NTIA.
- 3.17. AFFMA will comply with those HQ USAF/SC operating instructions (SCOI) that task them.

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